

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-29 are amended to better clarify the present invention, and support for the amendments is found in original Claim 1-5, 7-15, and 17-29. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-30 were rejected under the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-30 were indicated as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-30.

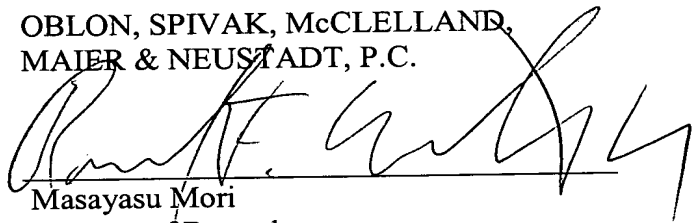
The rejection of Claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-23, and 27 are amended to provide proper steps to carry out the claimed method. Further Claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-29 are amended to provide proper antecedent basis and positively recite elements of the claims, thereby obviating the rejections in paragraph 2 of the outstanding Office Action. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to Claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-29 and Claims 6, 16, and 30 depending from parent Claims 1, 11, and 29 be withdrawn.

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As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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